

The Third Grade Reading Guarantee and the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment – Literacy

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The Third Grade Reading Guarantee now requires that students in kindergarten through grade three take a reading diagnostic to determine if the student is reading at grade level. The diagnostics are given at the beginning of each school year. Because of this, ODE should only expect students to have mastery of the previous school year's material. It is the goal of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to develop or identify the best possible tools to help diagnose reading deficiencies. New Ohio Diagnostics were posted on August 1st, 2013.

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Diagnostic-Assessments>

It is required that the KRA-L is administered to all first time kindergarten students. After further consideration and feedback from stakeholders, ***ODE will now allow schools to use the KRA-L for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for the 2013-2014 school year.*** Ohio is currently in the process of revising its early learning and development standards for children which will include end of preschool standards aligned to the common core state standards.

Schools wishing to use the KRA-L must still meet the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. This includes administering the assessment by September 30th. Students who receive a KRA-L score that falls in Band 1, which indicates “Assess broadly for intense instruction”, should be considered and reported as not on-track. Students scoring above this range will be considered on-track.

More guidance on the KRA-L and the Third Grade Reading Guarantee can be found on ODE's website. These resources will continue to be updated as new information becomes available. The expanded assessment options for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee in the 2012-2013 school year are outlined on the following page.